

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action dated August 23, 2005, has been received, and its contents carefully noted. The allowance of claims 1, 3 and 8 is noted with appreciation.

In view of that indication, and in order to place the Application in *prima facie* allowable condition, claim 9 has been canceled.

Thus, only allowed claims 1, 3 and 8 remain pending. Accordingly, an early allowance is requested.

If the above amendment should not now place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call undersigned counsel to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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